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- 1. In April 1955, the supply of bread and fodder grain continued to be the most difficult problem confronting Polish authorities. In the course of a recent conversation, a leading official of the Polish Government stated that imports of grain currently are a considerable drain on the Polish foreign exchange reserves.
- 2. The official Polish explanation of this problem states that, although the total agricultural production per head of the population in-1954 was 34 percent higher than in 1938, consumption of bread and fodder grain has considerably increased in recent years, whereas the harvest yield of the four main types of grain presently is 1,300,000 tons less than before the war. A contributing factor to the grain shortage appears to be a chronic lack of mechanics and spare parts at the state machinery and tractor stations, so that not all available agricultural machines can be put to use.
- 3. In order to make up for the deficit resulting from grain imports, the Polish Government is currently forced to resort to a variety of extraordinary measures. This explains recent Polish efforts to increase the price of coal and the foreign exchange quota, among other things.

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